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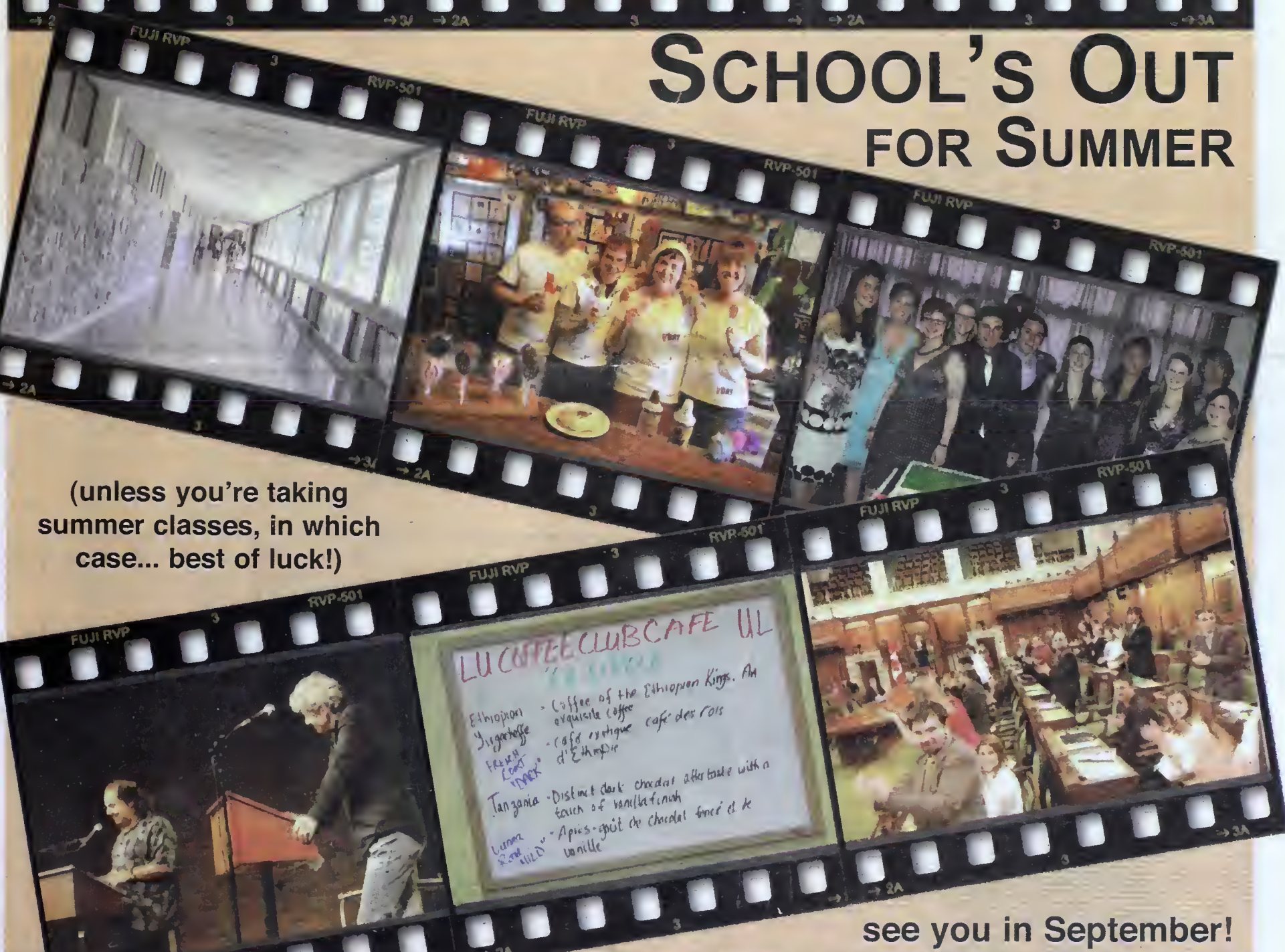
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see you in September!





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# Farewell, Laurentian. It's been lovely.

## Don't hesitate to call me about job openings. Please. Please call.



**Alex Taylor**  
Editor-in-Chief

Somehow, it appears that I've tricked the school into giving me a degree. Well.. I don't have it yet, but one of these days, it'll be mine. It's been a bit of a rough month so far - Partly because I'm drowning in homework, of course, but partly because suddenly I'm at the end of this 5 year adventure and I'm questioning things. Questioning whether it was worth the time, the money, the effort. Questioning whether I deserve this degree. Questioning whether I even want to go to convocation because I don't know whether I've really earned that handshake from the President of the university.

What an emo kid, why do my friends even hang out with me? It's just interesting, interesting to see where everyone is in their lives at this point - Some of my friends know exactly what they're doing, what they want, where they're going. Some of them have no idea, are lost, are defeated, are depressed. This is the first time in my entire life that someone isn't guiding me to the next step, isn't telling me where to go next.

All I want is someone to tell me what to do.

The options are clear - Masters programs, post-grad college programs, more undergrad, work, travel, life. Same options that we've always had, but suddenly none of them seem appealing and all I really want to do is watch Arrested Development

and write editorials.

I've been thinking about Korea too, of course. There's a lovely little article on page 8 from my friend Colin, who's been in South Korea for almost a year. It was a good experience for him. I feel that it would be a good experience for me too.

However, I also feel that making 45 grand working for MNMD would also be a good experience. Paying off my credit cards, good experience.

Living on the beach in Thailand, good experience.

I have bad days sometimes, when I'm terrified that I've wasted my life, that I've wasted so much time. I have to constantly remind myself that I do a lot, that everyone does, in their own way. Volunteering for things at school is fulfilling in it's own way and I/we all need to remind ourselves that we don't need to be missionaries or foster parents or etc etc etc to lead fulfilling lives, to feel accomplished. We need to keep telling ourselves that this is only the first step, this is only the beginning. Just because I made it to 23 without donating blood doesn't mean that I'm never going to. Just because people have graduated university without ever leaving the province doesn't mean that we're all doomed to a life of one horse towns and corner bars. I'm not trying to be Tony Robbins here, but my point, for myself as much as for everyone else, is that we're only a quarter of the way done. Now we're finally done all that learning-about-yourself crap and we know what we like and what we can't stand. I know what I'm good at and I know what

I'm terrible at and I finally feel comfortable moving forward.

Most of the time.

On a happier, more hilarious note, Sci/Tech editor Josh and I went on a random roadtrip last week to none other than delicious Cobalt. For those who aren't from this neck of the woods, Cobalt is about 3 hours north of North Bay. Yes, there's an entire WORLD north of Sudbury, I know it's shocking for some people, but I promise I'm telling the truth.

Seeing as it was a spontaneous middle-of-the-afternoon roadtrip, by the time we got there, the whole town had closed up shop for the evening. We did however find a completely incredible bookstore just outside of town. The owners have been running the place for 50 years and it's basically an entire house/barn with floor to ceiling books on every wall in every room. It smells like old books and they have everything from last year's sci fi favourites to 100 year old Canadiana. Toss in an entire room of Ontario maps and mining information and I think we might have found the most amazing place I'd ever been in my life. The owners are in the process of selling the place, so this might be the last summer you'll ever get to see it - if you're here over the break, head up towards Cobalt and swoon over the greatness.

We eventually made our way into town and managed to find the only place that was still open. Of course, the Miner's Tavern. That's it's actual name. Yes, it was amazing, as if you even need to ask! The walls were covered with Northern Ontario

kitsch and if I didn't have to spend 3 hours driving home, I would have stayed there all night.

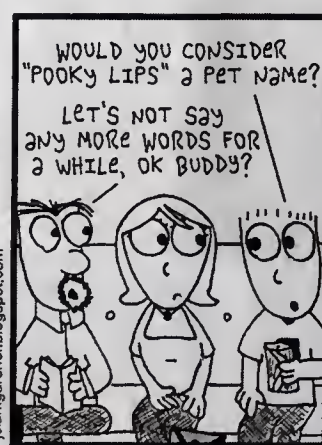
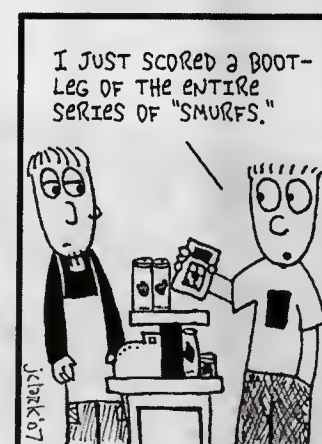
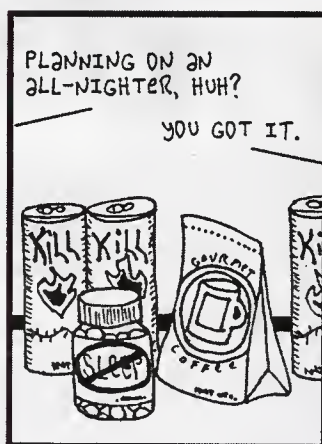
Moral of the story is: Go on adventures. You never know what you'll find, especially up here where everything is so authentic and real and the people have so many amazing stories. Maybe reading this will help my parents finally understand why I've fallen in love with Sudbury.

I'm also very happy to announce that Lambda has a new editor for next year. His name is Jason Miller and he's in Communications. He'll be writing his first editorial in the Frosh issue this summer, so keep an eye out for it if you're on campus. He seems to really dig the job and I'm confident that he'll be great. Be sure to keep an eye out for the Lambda table on Clubs Day in September and sign up if you're interested in working for or writing for the paper.

One last note, I'd like to extend my congratulations to everyone who's graduating this year. I know that all of us have had our ups and downs on this epic journey, but I think everything is going to work out just fine. Keep an eye and ear out about alumni events, keep in touch with the good friends, and don't forget to drop a line to your professors every once in a while. They really do remember us, most of the time, and they'll be glad to hear that we've all survived real life.

Here's to sunburns, roadtrips, barbeques, and scandal,

-Alex





# You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet!

A note from your 2008/2009 VP of Student Services

Amanda Ree

Wow, this year has flown by really fast! Can you believe its exam season already? I can't, and it saddens me to think that there will be no more events for at least four more months, boo. First I should start by saying thanks for bringing me back for another year of services; I am super excited and so thankful, because I absolutely love my job. Plus with a year under my belt, I am more prepared and more experienced, which can only make next year that much more awesome! Not that this year wasn't memorable, the SGA/AGE brought you two of Canada's Juno nominee acts such as "Hedley" and "Ill Scarlett", plus an awesome Charity Ball that raised \$3000! There were also tons of mini events that were so much fun, such a student friendly priced Valentine's date, Rise of the Comics and much much more!



There are a number of things that I want to bring back next year, as well as events that I want to add to our calendars. With a full school year, I want to book every month with something new and exciting to do for the students. I want to start a monthly dinner and show venue, where once a month we gather in the pub downunder for dinner, and showcase one of LU's own musicians. I would also like to bring some new ideas to the table for frosh week; those though will be kept on the down low so make sure you check out Frosh week o8.

There are so many possibilities for what can be done next year, the sky is the limit, and all we need to pull everything off, is you the students. Without you guys, nothing is possible, so when you come back in September bring that school spirit I know we all have back! I look forward to working and making memories with all of you next year, and if you ever have any ideas for anything at all, feel free to contact me [vpervices@laurentian.ca](mailto:vpervices@laurentian.ca), or drop by the office and come speak to me, our doors are open. Just remember, that we are all here for an education, but lets make 2008-2009 a little bit more than just books, lets experience university life for all its worth!

I hope you all have an awesome summer!

## LU's Board of Governors approves a \$104.2 million budget, create deficit

At its regular meeting held on Friday, April 11, 2008, the Laurentian University Board of Governors approved budget expenditures of \$104.2 million for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Expenditures are planned to exceed revenues by 4.1 %, resulting in a projected \$2.4 million deficit after transfer from reserves of \$1.6 million.

A number of factors account for the shortage in operating funds. On the expense side, the university is experiencing additional space-related costs in the form of incremental rental charges due to occupying more space at the Willet Green Miller Centre, and debt servicing and maintenance charges as the new School of Education building and expansion of the Ben Avery

recreational facilities are completed in 2008. Additionally, a number of other operating expenditures are tied to salary increases and cost of living increases, such as fuel, heating and electricity.

On the revenue side, tuition revenues are not likely to increase substantially for 2008-2009, with modest approved tuition increases expected to be counterbalanced with a slight overall decrease in enrolment.

"The university has experienced significant growth in enrolment, program offerings, service delivery and capital construction over the past few years," said Dr. Judith Woodsworth, president. "Given this growth, the challenges we face with respect to our operating budget are not a surprise, nor are

they unique to Laurentian University."

Press release statement:

Laurentian University will continue to build on past and present successes and will ensure future growth by spending responsibly and seeking ways of increasing revenue. "This year, we have initiated the budget preparation and approval process much earlier in the planning cycle, a clear indication of faculty and staff's commitment and dedication to fiscal responsibility," said Woodsworth. "This two-month lead time will provide everyone with greater clarity, and flexibility, to continue to plan, manage and implement programs and services that meet our students' needs, while ensuring our long-term sustainability."

## What's Hot and What's Not at L.U.

Students share their perspectives at the end of the 07/08 year

A group of Laurentian students from a number of disciplines got together at the end of this semester and put together a list of things that they feel need to be discussed. Some are positive and make them proud to be Laurentian students. Some are less-than-positive, and they'd like to see them improved. Read on to see what the students have to say about the way things run 'round here.

### Hot:

#### The Coffee Club in the Student Centre

The SGA and AEF have done an incredible job this year of providing students with an alternative to Tim Hortons and Aramark coffee. The location is perfect, the hours are great, the service is fantastic, and the coffees and teas are amazing. Here's hoping that the Coffee Club continues to raise awareness and keeps up the great work in the coming years.

#### The Caf Ladies

There's really nothing to be said that doesn't come up every day. The lovely women who work in the Great Hall are the most delightful staff on campus and we'll miss them desperately when we leave. Likewise with the Science Caf and the other snack bars around campus. You're great!

#### Funding for research

One of the perks of being a 'Northern' university is that we usually get government funding just for being us. Add to that the fact that we're only one of 3 universities up here, compared to 10+ down south, and it means that FedNor and other ministries see the potential for growth. Science students might have a more in-depth perspective, but we think Laurentian is doing a great job of attracting researchers and research funding.

#### Other campuses

Laurentian's lucky enough to have a handful of smaller campuses, including ones in the Soo and Barrie. This means more options for students and more options for professors. It's not a perfect system yet, but it's moving in the right direction and we applaud the admin for taking the initiative on these endeavors.

#### The library

Okay so the U of T library is way bigger and better stocked. Considering that Laurentian has only been around for 48 years, we're pretty satisfied with the books and periodicals that are available in the Desmarais and the federated university libraries. We'd like to see the library stay open longer but besides that, we're pretty happy with what we've got. Plus, Brenda Wallace Reading Room = best spot on campus.

#### Health Services

Prompt service, easy appointments, and lots of help when you need it. Super!

### Not:

#### Accessibility:

Still an issue. STILL an issue. The swanky new automatic doors are great but if the door between the Great Hall foyer and A building doesn't work, they don't do much good for students in wheelchairs, now

do they?

Likewise, the wheelchair ramps outside the Parker Building. Really, the ramps anywhere. And the path from the Parker to West. Heads up, administration, wheelchairs and scooters don't come with snow tires. We know lots of workstudy students who would be happy to work for 9 bucks an hour and clear the snow off those paths - Why doesn't it happen?

#### Social Science departments:

Social Work is crashing and burning. The program is this-close to losing its accreditation. Hello? There's something wrong here and someone needs to do something quick. People are already transferring after first year once they realize that there's a shocking lack of options, but when entire programs are imploding, it might be time to take a step back. Let's spend more time on course selection for the students that are already here, instead of trying to increase enrollment. Those extra 5000 students won't be much use if they're all leaving after 1st year.

Same deal with Political Science. It's been a rough 5 years for poli sci, there's no denying that, but are you kidding me? Where's the course selection? Where are the full time professors? Where's the interest? It seems like there are approximately 1.5 people in the poli sci department who actually care about the students, and that's not healthy. When students are scared to talk to their advisor, something has gone very wrong.

#### Aramark:

Ohh, Aramark. Whatever are we going to do with you. The issue these days isn't about the food. The food is fine. It's not great but it's not terrible so whatever, we'll keep chowing down. The problem is that your control over this school is way too militant. Oh and p.s. you're renting space in Laurentian's cafeteria, you don't own it. Kicking students out for bringing their own lunch instead of buying from you is a) rude, b) offensive and c) ridiculous.

#### The tech stuff

There's no reason why wireless internet shouldn't be available on the entire campus. Use some of that campus renewal money and get with the times.

And don't even get us started about Webmail... 3 days of downtime in the middle of exams? Come on!

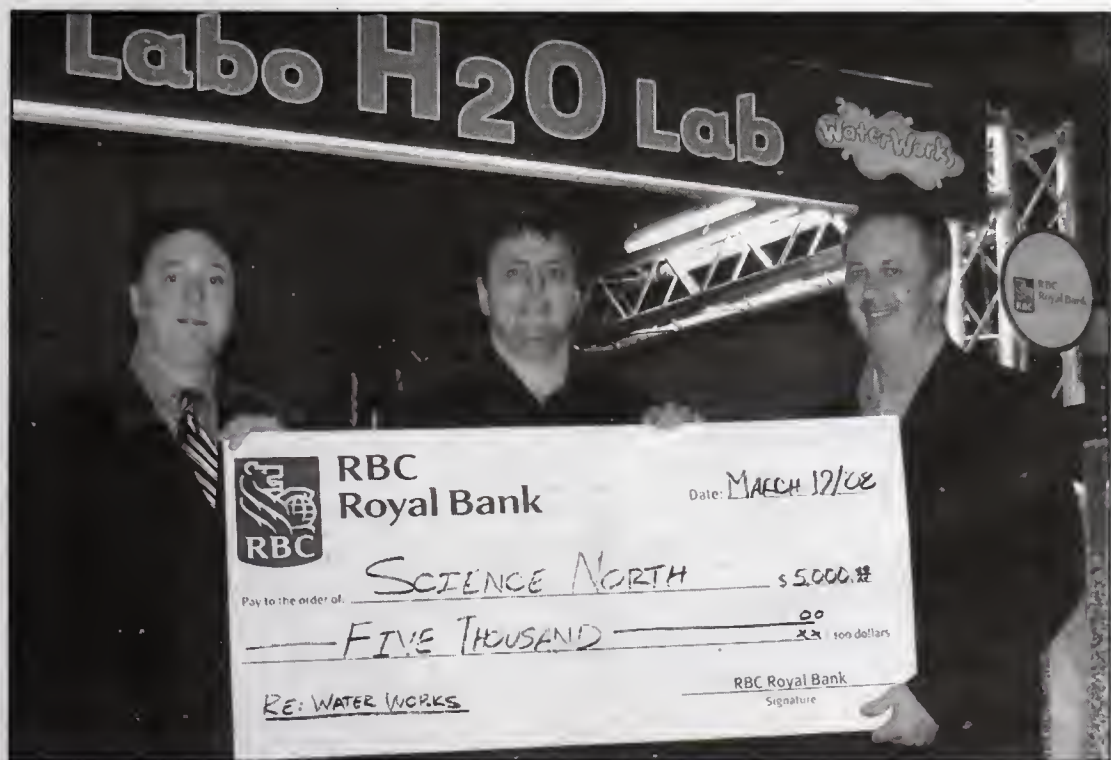
#### Parking

There's not enough parking. Ever. Especially not metered visitor parking. Especially not West Res student parking. 30 spots for 250+ students? Really?

Overall, we like going here.

We have fun at events, we enjoy our studies, and we have some amazing professors. We're looking forward to next year and the years to come and we hope that you are too - Laurentian might not be perfect, but there's potential for greatness within these walls!

Best of luck with exams and we hope you have a safe and sunburn free summer! Thanks for reading.



RBC Royal Bank representatives Mike Maloney (left) and Tony Corallo (right) recently presented Guy Labine - Science North's Director of Business Development - with a cheque for \$5,000. RBC Royal Bank's investment in Science North's special travelling exhibition WaterWorks: Soak up the Science was directed towards the exhibit's H2O Lab. The H2O Lab is an area where Science North's "Bluecoats" engage visitors with entertaining, live, water-themed science demonstrations. Science North thanks RBC Royal Bank for its generous and ongoing support as a Partner in Education. For more information, visit [sciencenorth.ca](http://sciencenorth.ca).



## Laurentian President's Essay Competition Winners

### Seven students are honoured for their writing skills

The winners of the 2008 President's Essay Competitions were announced and celebrated in the Brenda Wallace reading room at Laurentian University.

This year, French, English and International students were able to choose from one of the three following topics:

- 1) "Comment on this statement made by George Santayana: 'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it'";
- 2) "Are men and women equal in contemporary Canadian society? What roles should social organizations, political institutions, and individuals play in fostering gender equality?"; and
- 3) "What have been the benefits and drawbacks of recent technological advances? How can we best harness scientific knowledge to resolve some of today's problems?"

\$2,500 is awarded to first-place winners in all three competitions and the runners-up receive \$1,000. The prizes for the English and French competitions are funded by the Sudbury District Boys' Home Charitable Trust.

The International students' essay competition is funded through the Office of the President.

The 2008 President's Essay Competitions' winners are:

### English language competition

#### Honourable mention:

**Heather Wilson**, fourth-year English and women's studies student  
*A Twenty-First Century Women's Movement*

#### Two second-place prizes were awarded to:

**Margaret Bibby**, second-year English and anthropology student  
*Communis Tantum Humanis: A Historical Embrace*

**Samantha Pitzel**, second-year bachelor of education and history student  
*A World for our Children*

### French language competition

#### Second prize:

**Eric Pomerleau**, first-year commerce student  
*La culture du souvenir*

#### First prize:

**Darry Malka Kyakimwa**, first-year biomedical biology student  
*Ceux qui ne peuvent se rappeler le passé sont condamnés à le répéter*

### International students' competition

#### Second prize

**Julie Graff**, first-year history student from France  
*Est-il nécessaire de se rappeler le passé ?*

#### First prize

**Anick Sian S. Yaha**, fourth-year economics/mathematics student from Côte d'Ivoire  
*L'impact des récents progrès technologiques et la contribution des connaissances scientifiques à la résolution des problèmes actuels*

All winning essays are available at the J.N. Desmarais Library.

## STUDENT NEWS

### SPAD students present market research findings to football club in London, England

Sudbury (Ontario) - Students from Laurentian University's School of Sports Administration (SPAD) recently flew to London, England, to present findings of a market research they lead for the Ipswich Football (soccer) Club.

The six-student team specifically studied the factors

involved in supporter's ticket purchase decisions. After contacting Ipswich's Football Club supporters and analysing their findings, they concluded that ticket prices were the main concern. Instead of simply lowering prices, the group of students decided to increase the perceived value of and Ipswich ticket

through implementing programs, promotions, fan involvement and ticket packages.

The football club was very impressed with the students' presentation and will be implementing some of the suggested ideas.



SPAD students Mike Galasso, Kim Russell, Mike Squizzato, Saemina Kim, Jamie Boisvert and Ellei Munning. contributed

## Laurentian opens new lab

### Laurentian University opens new multidisciplinary laboratory for research in the fields of exercise, sport, mental health and wellness

Laurentian University is pleased to announce the official opening of its Multidisciplinary Qualitative Research Laboratory. The new facility will house health-related research programs in the fields of exercise, sport, mental health and wellness.

"This collaborative research facility is a unique addition to our university's research capabilities," said Liette Vasseur, associate vice-president, research. "It will contribute to creating and strengthening an environment that attracts the best researchers, graduate students and professionals, while improving quality of

life in our region."

The Multidisciplinary Qualitative Research Laboratory was initiated and created by three Laurentian researchers all considered emerging leaders in their respective areas. Dr. Diana Coholic of the School of Social Work, studies the effectiveness of holistic arts-based group work for the development of self-esteem. Dr. Robert Schinke of the School of Human Kinetics, investigates sport participation barriers experienced by Aboriginal youth; and Dr. Mark Eys, also of the School of Human Kinetics, focuses on the study of groups and social influences on physical activity and sport participation. The three researchers work in close collaboration with various community partners such as the Children's Aid Society of the District of Sudbury and Manitoulin, and the

Wikwemikong First Nation. Their research will be housed in the new lab.

The Multidisciplinary Qualitative Research Laboratory will also provide opportunities for other researchers, highly qualified professionals and graduate students. It will promote research collaborations, knowledge transfer, and collaborative training aiming at improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities of all horizons. The lab physically consists of a large room that can accommodate 12-15 individuals and two interviewing and group rooms equipped to video-record research interviews and groups for qualitative analyses.

"This new facility is an impressive example of the type of partnership that is essential to Canada's ongoing success in the knowledge-based economy," said Dr. Eliot Phillipson, president and CEO of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI). "We are proud to be a partner in this venture, which represents what the CFI is all about: providing the tools to institutions and researchers so that they can conduct the leading edge research that will benefit all Canadians."

The Multidisciplinary Qualitative Research Laboratory is funded by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the Ontario Research Fund. Other funding partners include the Dean of the Faculty of Professional Schools, the Office of the Vice-President, Academic (Anglophone Affairs), the Office of Research, Development and Creativity, Grand & Toy, and Laurentian University's Microcomputer and Media Centres.

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**Josh Buck**  
Science & Tech

Hello All,

Welcome to my last column of the year. \*tear\* hahaha well maybe not but it has been a lot of fun working for the Lambda this year, hanging out in the office and harassing our so called "editor". I am surprised she still puts up with my nonsense seeing as 20 minutes ago I taped her hand into a giant ball of uselessness (inquire within for hilarious video of her vain attempts at getting free). Also on a whim we randomly drove to Cobalt because we were bored and wanted to kill a few hours. We found a pretty sweet used book store and a bar called the Miner's Tavern; Cold beer and pool but sadly no pickled eggs. What kind of small town tavern doesn't have pickled eggs? On the bright side I got a sweet tie which is just begging to be worn. So even in the face of \$1.16/Litre fuel good times in a car can still be had, take that OPEC. I will not stop my random adventures just because you say the oil is running out. Or is that what everyone else is saying? I often get my stories confused and my trusty Fox News just isn't the same anymore. Where is Anderson Copper to inform me what I should feel?

In other life altering news I am going to Egypt on May 2nd for what is sure to be the trip of a life time. I am unsure

# grey matter

with Josh Buck

of what to expect when I am there because, well, I feel more like a polar bear than a camel and am sure the heat is going to kill me. I mean come on people we barely got into spring and I am expected to sleep in the desert, yikes! Oh well it is a trip I have been waiting to go on since I was knee high to a duck. I have bought what some would say is a ridiculous amount of stuff to go on this trip but the way I see it I am in the desert for two weeks so carrying it around and having it is slightly better than needing it and not having it. Also camping stuff is pretty sweet, there are some really great stores in Sudbury for outdoor shopping and I wish I lived in the bush so I had a reason to buy and use all of it. I am slowly getting enough supplies and knowledge to become a hermit.

Can people build a hermit community or would that just shatter the idea of being a hermit? I guess I would not need anyone else if I can raise a bear cub and train it to be my work horse. This sounds risky but it is all in the life of a hermit. On the lighter side if I was a hermit I would be the last one to find out about any fore coming apocalypse and would therefore not stress out about it in anyway. Sounds like a good plan for the ol' ticker, they say stress is a leading cause of heart disease and anything I can do to prevent

that sounds reasonable to me.

But enough of my ramblings on nothing in particular and let me ramble on something specific. That specific thing is going to be (drum roll please): Water. Yes, simple water is what I want to talk about today especially with the recent announcement that there are over 1700 communities across Canada, including 679 in Ontario, with boil water policies in effect. After all the water problems this country has gone through I would have thought we had the clean water problem nailed by now. I always find it troubling that most rural dwellers can get better water from their wells then we get from the city. The Canadian Medical Association Journal reports that most of these problems come from small municipal water treatment systems not unlike those of Walkerton, where 7 people died from tainted town water. I thought the policy of hiring competent employees and making the water taste like a swimming pool was working. I guess I was wrong. There are lots of things that people can put in their own homes to ensure that their water is clean and safe to drink. However these water treatment systems are not very cheap and the best ones cost a tidy sum. Not only are they expensive but we are already paying taxes and user fees for tap water. If I went into any

retail store and bought a defective product I would be able to get my money back. Do these municipal governments give credits on water bills and energy bills due to the amount of energy being used to boil all the drinking water in your home? I know what it is like living in a town where the water is under a boil advisory and it just plain stinks. Living in worry about whether or not you are going to get sick just from taking a shower sucks, if you are even lucky to be able to shower. The problem of clean drinking water in our country is a large one or at least it should be. We live in a country with a vast amount of wealth, government stability and the technical knowhow that we should be able to provide clean water to every Canadian regardless of geographic location. And yet, we have dropped the ball again.

However as large as our water problems are to us they still live in the shadow of global water crises. Worldwide there are approximately 1 billion people who do not have clean drinking water. Clean drinking water is recognized as a fundamental right to all people the world over by the United Nations and is stated in Article 25 of the Declaration of Human Rights ratified December 10th 1948! Yes 60 years later, 1 billion people live without a resource that is absolutely necessary to human survival. Without clean water these people are prone to specific water borne and transmitted diseases like cholera and typhoid. In 2006 there were 236, 896 reported cases in 52 countries of cholera, 6311 of those resulting in death. The World

Health Organization speculates that only 10% of cases are reported.

The public outcry over the 7 deaths in Walkerton were massive and justified because we expect the water coming out of our taps to be clean, yet another thing that we take for granted. I could barely begin to imagine a life in which water can be seen as a luxury. Yet I am sure once I am back from my trip I will have a greater understanding of what people have to go through in their everyday struggle for survival. My trip is not a typical lavish tour of the country but rather a backpacking trek that will hopefully highlight the various cultures and histories of a people who have been around for thousands of years. I hope to bring back a greater appreciation for everything that is and has been available to me in this country, which includes our education.

With that I want to wish everyone luck on their exams, I know many of you have already started them and some may even be finished by the time this gets out. This is my last year at Laurentian as well and over my time here I am have met a great number of really awesome people who will not soon be forgotten. For all of you who have been reading my column this year I thank you, it has been a great learning experience and knowing that some people out there read what I write is encouraging.

Have a great summer everyone,

Joshua

## Oral Hygiene Hero and Fat Viruses

**Matt Strickland**

In this last installment of the year, Quantum Dots again offers a quick summary of the most important—or at least some of the most interesting—scientific breakthroughs and discoveries from the past two weeks.

### Playing video games with your toothbrush

Bored of brushing your teeth? Researchers from National Taiwan University have just the ticket. A group there recently unveiled a system which turns brushing teeth into a video game. Essentially, the engineers mounted a four-faceted extension to the toothbrush handle on which were mounted different combinations of tiny LED lights. A small camera hidden in the bathroom tracks the position of the handle and can determine exactly which teeth are being brushed at any given time. Then, all it takes is a computer monitor mounted over your sink and—boo-ya—you can play all sorts of teeth-related video games. The intended market, however, isn't actually bored twenty-year-olds. Rather, the researchers were trying to address a more serious problem: children often don't like brushing their teeth and, even if they do, they're generally pretty bad at it. In fact, investigators have shown that the average five-year-old brushes only 25% of her teeth. When the researchers installed the system in the bathrooms of 13 kindergarten kids, they found vast improvements. The children were twice as effective at brushing their teeth after the trial and the results seemed to stick even after the console was removed.

So far, the games look pretty benign and easy—researchers are probably trying to avoid tooth injuries as a result of gamers/brushers attempting to unleash devastating finishing moves with up-down-left-left-molar-bicuspid-bicuspid combinations.

### Contagious obesity

New genetic research into adenovirus-36 may better equip us to fight the world's current obesity epidemic. Adenovirus-36 (Ad-36) is a virus discovered about ten years ago to actually cause obesity in humans. "Infectobesity" as the process has been dubbed is further proof that being overweight may be less about laziness and more about having a genuine medical condition. Just how important Ad-36 is in the world's growing fat population is still up for debate. Scientists have shown that while 11% of nonobese people have signs of previous infection, 30% of overweight individuals have antibodies indicating a previous fight against the virus. The bug, it has now been discovered works via a very specific gene—offering hope of someday inhibiting that gene and allowing people to be cured. The initial infection with Ad-36 is hard to detect. If anything, you might experience mild cold symptoms, but even this is unreliably present. Over the course of the infection, however, the virus manages to sneak its DNA into the nucleus of your cells. It's this viral DNA which prompts some stem cells to differentiate into fat cells and to start storing away energy in the form of flab. Scientists do stress that only a small portion of our fat population can be attributed to this virus so don't put your

sneakers and gym membership away just yet.

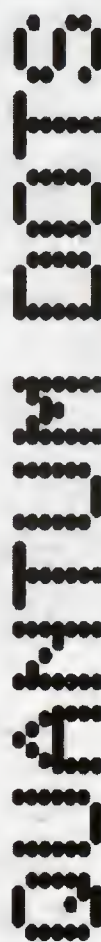
### Astronaut hibernation

If humans are going to start undertaking long space voyages, it would be very useful to have a way to put them to sleep for long periods of time. Finding a way to put astronauts into hibernation would help cut down on the oxygen, CO2 scrubbers, and food required to keep a crew alive. Well, anesthesiologists associated with Harvard University are busy working on a few schemes which could be used to safely put humans down for long periods of time. Although cooling down the spacecraft's cabin and putting the crew into a sort of refrigerated state has been considered, heart rhythms can become unstable at temperatures below 30 °C. Instead, the researchers are using hydrogen sulfide gas to cause a kind of suspended animation. So far, it's working reasonably well in animals—mice have been kept alive for long periods despite halving their heart rates and cutting their respiratory rates by 90%. Sampling the animals' arterial blood reveals that despite the slow down, they are able to maintain high levels of oxygenation to their internal organs. The next step, according to the Harvard team, is to start experimenting on larger animals and establishing the procedure's safety before trying it out on astronauts.

### Smarter roads

When temperatures hover around the freezing point, it can be difficult to judge road conditions from the driver's seat of your car. But Eurovia, a French civil engineering company, has just announced a new invention

that could soon change that. A team from their research and development lab has developed a clear varnish which changes colour to become bright pink when the temperature drops below 1 °C. When the temperature rises again, the varnish returns to its clear, colourless form. The varnish is based on what are called thermochromic pigments—chemicals that change colour based on how hot they are. They've been used in gimmicky products for years now (think mood rings, Hypercolor t-shirts, and temperature strips on the outside of your beer can) but this is being touted as the first application with the potential to save lives. By applying the coating liberally on roads and sidewalks, motorists and pedestrians alike could be warned of slippery sections of road. Since the asphalt is a pretty harsh environment, the company is currently testing the varnish for mechanical durability and ability to withstand long hours under the elements. Whether this product would be of much use in Sudbury—where it seems to only go above 1 °C for about three weeks of the year—is still up for debate.



### Did you know?

That the Church of Scientology purchased Castle Kyalami, formerly a tourist attraction near Johannesburg, to serve as an advanced Scientology spiritual retreat in South Africa?

### On This Day in History

In 1923 Insulin first became generally available for use by diabetics.

Leonardo da Vinci was born in 1452, and Abraham Lincoln died in 1865.



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**Matt Moskal**  
A & E Editor

Hello all.

This will be my final LAMBDA issue as acting Arts & Entertainment Editor. Next year I'm heading to Cambrian College to get my degree in Journalism and I couldn't be happier. LAMBDA has brought me some pretty memorable experiences in the past year and I'll be glad to take these experiences with me into my field of study.

Now that exam season is upon us there's no telling when most of us will be departing from the cold spring of the north. However, given the time, there is a pile of excellent talent hitting the Townehouse in the next month that shouldn't be ignored.

There's no shame in staying back until the 25th to catch Cuff the Duke, probably one of the most impressive alt country acts to come out of Canada in the past few years. \$10.00 is well worth the experience.

How about Grady, Murder City Sparrows and the Comfortable Chairs on the 24th? Fans of Big Sugar will be familiar with Grady's work, and Comfortable Chairs are hands down Sudbury's funkiest concert experience. This show is \$15.00 at the door as well.

For anyone moving up here for the summer, the Sudbury Theatre Centre is opening its production of "The Buddy Holly Story" on the 1st of May. The production features both a dramatic retelling of Buddy's career, but also live music from the cast.

So long and thanks for all the fish!

## Buddy Holly at the STC Rocks the House

from the Sudbury Theatre Centre

It's been forty nine years and two months since that fateful day when Buddy Holly was lost to the world...but who's counting. February 3, 1959 has become known as "The Day the Music Died" with the tragic death of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper.

However, the Sudbury Theatre Centre is ready to bring it all back to life for one incredible production of Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story from May 1 to 25. Audiences will rock to more than twenty five Buddy Holly songs, interwoven with the story of the rapid rise of the young star. They'll meet his band The Crickets and see Buddy fall instantly in love with Maria Elena (Laura Caswell). Only five hours after meeting her, he proposed marriage.

As the show climaxes with the Buddy's final concert at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, the audience will thrill to the sounds of The Big

Bopper (Ted Hallett) and Ritchie Valens (Grant Tilly). This is the moment that whips audiences into the frenzy felt forty nine years ago. It's a no-holds-barred vintage Rock and Roll concert.

As the audience sits and watches Buddy (Christian Bellsmith), The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens, each member dreads the moment of the plane ride the boys are planning. It's all anyone can do not to leap to their feet and try to change history. Bottom line, the show has it all: an engaging story, top-notch performances and foot-tapping music.

Director George Pothitos has cast seasoned Buddy Holly veteran Christian Bellsmith to perform the title role. Bellsmith is completely transformed as he slides into Buddy's shoes and horn-rimmed glasses, wailing on his guitar and leaving the audience wanting more. Richard Ouzounian, theatre critic of the Toronto Star, said of Bellsmith, "If you're going to produce 'Budd', then the first thing you need is a terrific guy to play Buddy Holly. Fortunately, Christian Bellsmith is

just that. Not only is he an excellent singer and guitarist, but he radiates that beaming boyish charm and incandescent love of performing that made Holly such a star in his all-too-brief career." (Toronto Star, July 21, 2006)

STC welcomes the return of John Devorski, playing Hipockets, who has appeared on the STC stage in the late 1980's before moving on to Stratford Festival. Rounding out the cast is Donna Garner, Michael Clarke, Mark MacRae, Scott Carmichael, Chris Zonneville, Mark Stewartson, Jeff Giles, Kim Ladd and Patrick Burwell.

Burwell, who has performed at STC in Billy Bishop Goes to War and Patsy Cline, is musical director as well. Assistant musical director is Kim Ladd. Laura Caswell who plays Buddy's wife Maria Elena is show choreographer.

Director George Pothitos has assembled an outstanding creative team for this musical extravaganza. Geoffrey Dinwiddie who has created twenty-two set designs for STC joins costume designer Crystal MacDonell and lighting

designer Travis Hatt as the major players responsible for the visual impact of the production. MacDonell does double duty as Stage Manager.

Local performer Dawn-Luv McNaughton joins the group along with an ensemble comprised of Tabitha Walli, Alana Sambey, Nathin Lambovitch, Jesse Perrault, Samantha Bielanski and James Kershaw.

Ticket sales have been brisk with the opening two weekends and Preview Night getting close to selling out. Availability to the end of the extended run is still good. There is a Mother's Day matinee on Sunday, May 11 at 2 pm. The show must close on May 25th with no other extension possible for STC.

Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story runs from May 1 to 25, Tuesday through Saturday nights at 8 pm with Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Sunday, May 4 is the Pay-What-You-Can matinee. Ticket prices range from \$20.75 for students to \$30.75 for seniors and \$35.75 for adults. Call the box office at 674-8381 for further details.

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## More women playing video games

**Marri Knadle**  
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VICTORIA (CUP) -- Female gamers already know they aren't really an anomaly, but now the Electronic Software Association has completed a study that confirms it.

Females make up 38 per cent of gamers, according to the study. Perhaps more surprising is the statistic that women aged 18 and older are a greater portion of the game-playing demographic (31 per cent) than the poster child of video games, boys aged 17 and younger (20 per cent).

Developers have certainly done something right recently to get women's attention, because the Electronic Software Association's statistics revealed that females play an average of two more hours per week than they did only a year ago. Men and women are about equal in terms of average weekly play: 7.4 hours per week for women, and 7.6 hours per week for men.

It's long been suggested that women play differently than men, and enjoy different aspects of games than men. Social aspects and the ability to customize games are generally selling points to the female market. On massively multiplayer online (MMO) games, which offer a high degree of character customization and plenty of social opportunities, for example, the male and female population is closer to equilibrium at 58 per cent men to 42 per cent women.

But the female market is diverse. There are women who enjoy light, casual gaming, both

in terms of the games they play and the hours they're willing to spend to advance in a game. Lighter games such as The Sims and puzzle games for the Nintendo DS cater to that niche market. The Nintendo Wii has been applauded not only for getting women more involved in video games but also for increasing the pool of gamers. The Wii's titles appeal to those outside of the hardcore basement nerd coterie.

Although the stereotype of women disliking or being unskilled at video games is becoming tired within gaming circles, there is still evidence that women gamers are viewed as an anomaly. The publicity received by The Cavegirls (an all-girls Halo 3 group) and Assassin's Creed producer Jade Raymond, to name but two examples, reflects a persistent sentiment of amazement that beauty and social skills (or at least two X-chromosomes) are compatible with a gaming lifestyle.

There's still something wrong when announcing your gender on an online game will provoke insults, come-ons or floods of chivalric offers of help. Male gamers are taken for granted because it's taken as the model on which the gaming industry was built. Men on games meet



with indifference, and many female gamers express frustration that it isn't the case for them, too.

There's still work to be done in integrating those preferences into titles in a way that makes them an enjoyable experience for both genders. It's encouraging to see that the percentage of women in the gaming population has increased, and it's also encouraging to see that game developers are catching on to what aspects of games women enjoy.

But only when the need for such studies as the Electronic Software Association's disappears will the girl gamer be able to come into her own — no longer a side-show, but a mainstream game-lover alongside the boys.



# Visit to Refugee Camps to Create Awareness of the Ongoing Plight of Refugees

## An exclusive interview with Dr. Kevin McCormick

Contributed

For over thirty years, political unrest and social tensions contributed to the destruction of houses, the killing of animals, the stealing of food, the closing of businesses and ultimately pushed thousands of people out of their home country of the Myanmar (Burma) region where they once lived. Since then, Burmese refugees displaced from the safety and securities of their homeland are living in isolated quarters located near Thailand.

Recent literature on the matter tells us that there are countless refugees living in conditions that some would consider as abysmal as a war zone. Outside the camp site, one can expect to find rows upon rows of old shelters, located miles away from the border where the refugees once crossed. Surrounded by the glory of nature, these villages reflect the image of what it means to be a refugee. Inside, emergency food, the lack of adequate washroom facilities and crowded sleeping accommodations are but the norm for the many refugees who call this place home.

According to a recent report from

The UN Refugee Agency, there are currently over 100,000 Burmese refugees who consider the numerous camps along the Thailand Myanmar border as their residence. To date, at least 1,000 other asylum-seekers reside in urban areas while an unknown amount of unregistered refugees have moved in and out of close borders without screening.

Since entering its third decade as host to thousands of refugees from Myanmar (Burma), the refugee population in the Thai and Burmese camps have expanded from a little more than 20,000 in the mid-1980s to nearly 150,000 today. The reality is that the number of refugees exiling in this area continues to grow while the prospect of returning to their respective Burmese homes slips further away.

In an overpopulated setting where the lack of basic fundamental needs such as proper shelter, food, hygiene and access to social programming and education is clearly evident, the promise of security and survival are bleak for those residing in the many sites located on the Thai and Burmese borders.

However, the president of

Huntington University believes that the ability to create awareness of the ongoing plight of refugees coupled with the ability to provide refugees with the necessary support and services to rebuild their own lives will indeed serve the 100,000 plus displaced persons of Myanmar (Burma).

**“Currently the on-going political disputes and human rights atrocities in those areas have resulted in hundreds of thousands of refugees spilling into neighbouring countries.”**

Dr. Kevin McCormick, a internationally sociologist and social justice advocate who travels to remote areas with the intent to inspire minds of those in exile, is gearing up to leave his home in Greater Sudbury for the third time in the last year, as part of his campaign to raise awareness for the United Nations' World Refugee Day. On April 14th, 2008 he will fly across the globe and

land on the southeastern Asian border of Thailand and Burma, an area where one of the world's longest prolonged refugee situations continues to exacerbate.

While traveling to an unknown land and being surrounded by an unfamiliar culture may seem like a daunting and perhaps even a dangerous task to many, visiting the hundreds of thousands of displaced people of Myanmar (Burma) is an opportunity to take action for Dr. McCormick.

Inside his office at Huntington University, Dr. Kevin McCormick stands in front of a map of South Asia. He plans to travel to the area in hopes of empowering the refugees of South Asia to lead better, healthier and happy lives. He adds: “Displaced persons of such countries, particularly the people of Burma continue to be in camps that are their only opportunity for a degree of safety and security. Leaving their homes, scared for their lives they travel to the border to seek a ‘place to call home’, which is nothing more than a tent with limited if any food, medical and educational services. Currently the on-going political disputes and human rights atrocities in those areas have resulted in hundreds of thousands of refugees spilling into neighbouring countries.”

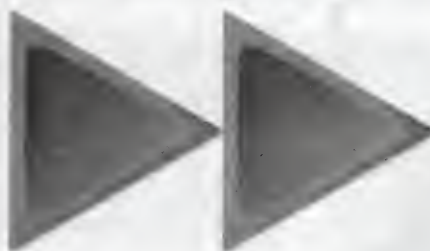
He will visit numerous Burmese refugees in camps throughout the region, with the express desire to assist to improve the well-being and educational development of displaced persons in those areas. McCormick, as he has done throughout his other visits will be personally contributing substantial financial resources for the creation of educational programs and schools in various camps and supplying boxes of educational materials not available in the camps. As well, throughout his travels, McCormick will meet and speak with national and international government officials and representatives of the camps and numerous refugee organizations.

When asked about his upcoming travels, Dr. McCormick says that he is mostly looking forward to heightening awareness of the UN World Refugee Day. He will travel later this month to Myanmar (Burma) as part of a unique awareness campaign of World Refugee Day, which takes place on June 20th of every year. Last year, for the 6th anniversary universal celebration, Dr. McCormick traveled to Tamil Nadu to meet with the refugees and key official as well as to visit the many refugee sites in the Indian state. He later was invited to speak at a special social justice conference in Vietnam in the fall of 2007. Now, some months later, Dr. McCormick continues to call public attention to the UN World Refugee Day by contributing to the well being of refugees of Myanmar (Burma) by working with government officials and a myriad of human rights and educational groups.

Looking back at the almost year-long awareness campaign and the many events that unfolded both globally and locally, Dr. Kevin McCormick says that he is pleased that the 50 million plus people of concern around the world have received the attention that will eventually lead to their exile.



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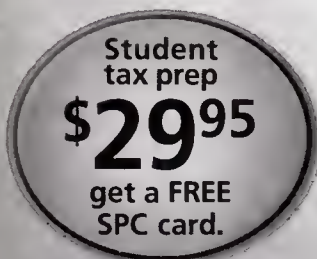


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# L.U. alum reflects on South Korean adventure

Colin Johnson

When I started my fourth year at Laurentian in September 2006 I was struggling with the prospect of actually being finished school for the first time in my life. I didn't know what to do, all I knew was that like half of my graduating class a job as a teacher was my fall back. I had a friend who was teaching at an English academy in South Korea and he was having a great time and making a lot of money doing it. After some initial research I discovered that many university graduates go and do this sort of thing and Korea is one of the most profitable countries for it. I jumped at the chance.

I had spent five years teaching swimming lessons at the YMCA in Barrie but really didn't have any experience teaching English especially to children who spoke a language that seemed so foreign to me. At first, I was a little skeptical if this was some-

thing I would enjoy doing. The first few days were definitely trial by fire learning what the kids knew and what they didn't but after the first few weeks I had established a routine and being in the classroom became second nature to me. I now have had many of my students for over 9 months and I can't remember my time without them.

However, this sort of thing is not for everyone and many people who come here are unable to deal with the idea of being away from home. I came here with a friend who had also graduated from Laurentian but after 2 months he decided that he couldn't deal with the differences and went home. You need to have a real sense of adventure and a willingness to live completely outside of your comfort zone. A standard contract is for one year and if you do not keep yourself busy this can seem like an eternity. But then I remind myself that my Grandfather spent 5 years away from my



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Laurentian Alumni Colin Johnson poses with his students in South Korea.

Grandmother during WWII and that I spent four years in university (three at the Barrie campus and one in Sudbury).

The best thing about Korea is the people. Everyone is so friendly and open and very curious as to why you are here. I work in the city of Jeonju. It's about 3 hours south of Seoul and is a relatively small city by Korean standards (pop. 600,000) and there are not very many foreigners. The main thing I was worried about was the food and having to completely alter my diet. But I can tell you that Korean food, despite its spiciness, is delicious and I have grown to love kimchi (the national dish of Korea: fermented cabbage).

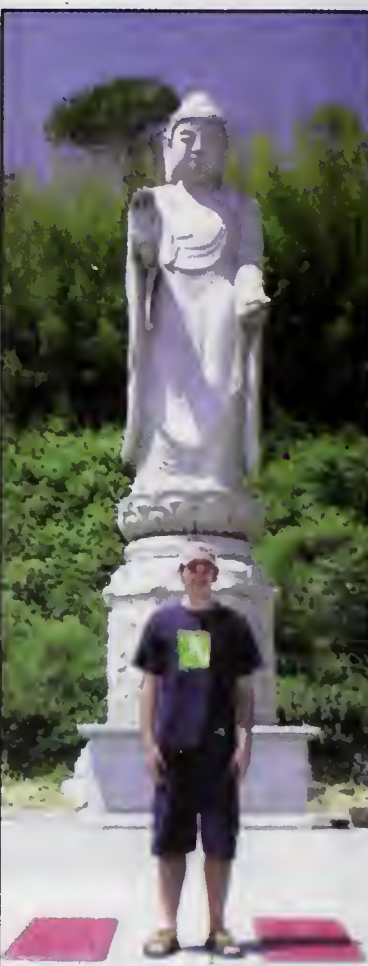
Most of my students must have an interesting view of foreigners (Canadians especially) because of my antics in the classroom. I sing, dance, make voices, jump, grossly embellish the amount of snow and temperature in my native land and do anything that will entertain these hard working students. Students in Korea study all day and I literally mean all

day. The school system in Korea is so different from North America. Students go to a hakyo (regular school) in the morning and then go to hakwons (academies) all day. These are the hardest working students I have ever seen. The average student goes to school at 8 in the morning and may not go home until 8 or 9 at night. I only work 6 hours a day and my work day starts at 2 and finishes at 8. I can't and won't complain.

Korean parents put a premium of education and work hard so their children can excel in school. Some of my students attend up to 5 extra academies everyday. Perfection is something to strive for in the Korean school system and all parents demand it. This is evident in some of my students. They are so afraid of speaking in class because they don't want me to correct them in front of the other students.

My school is fairly small and has four classrooms. The directors Harry and Sally are very sweet people and the school is run very efficiently (Yes, they gave themselves English names after the movie). We have five teachers, three of which are native Koreans who have studied English abroad. Each class has an assigned textbook but I usually take half of each class to free talk with the students as I feel that this is where they really learn through the interaction with a native English speaker.

I took over the contract



from my friend who left in June 2007. Now it is time for me to start recruiting and finding someone who is interested in taking over my contract. As I mentioned there was no interview just confirmation that I would show up on the assigned date. I was able to get my diploma and transcripts fast tracked by the registrar's office in order for me to get here for June. When you sign the contract you get a round trip flight to Korea, your apartment is paid for by the school along with internet, cable and apartment fees plus you get a \$2000 bonus when you complete your contract. Your only bills are gas, hydro and your cell phone so there is a huge potential to save a lot of money and pay back those student loans.

If anyone is interested in taking on this amazing adventure on the other side of the world and completely out of your comfort zone please e-mail me  
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# Surviving Summer Festivals

Jeff Hahne

the driveway.

Whether you're staying around the Q.C. for Ozzfest or the Vans Warped Tour, or heading west for Tennessee's Bonnaroo, you should always be prepared to make the most of a summer music festival. From staying hydrated to looking the part, here's a quick guide of what you should or shouldn't do:

• **Tickets** -- It's obviously a good idea to have tickets for the event before you get there. After all, if it's sold out, you'll just wind up sitting around the parking lot listening to your favorite bands from far away. If you wanted to do that, you could blast some music in your house and sit on the front lawn (see "How to Turn Your Pad Into Paradise" p. 30). You're there to see the bands live, so get your hands on some tickets -- buy them online, go to the venue or, if you're desperate, steal 'em from your friends. (If you stole your tickets from your friend, it's probably not a good idea to ask them to go with you ... or for them to drive.) NPE (Note from Personal Experience): Check and make sure you have the tickets before leaving

• **Tailgating** -- Think about what you want to eat before or after the show. Food and drinks inside can cost more than the ticket, so plan accordingly. A small grill is a great way to cook out, but don't set it up too close to the car. NPE: Adding more lighter fluid to a grill doesn't help when it's windy -- it only helps make the meat taste like lighter fluid.

• **What to wear** -- Jeremy Piven's character said it best in the movie PCU: "You're wearing the shirt of the band that you're going to see. Don't be that guy." People will know you like the band, after all, you're at their concert. It's summer, so it's going to be hot. Dress comfortably. This doesn't mean you should spend an hour in the bathroom putting on eyeliner and hair gel and making sure your outfit matches the band that will be on stage. That goes for you, too, ladies! NPE: Sturdy shoes work best in the pit.

• **Stay hydrated** -- Before you drink all the beer that's sold at the venue, remember that it's hot and you need to stay hydrated. The

occasional bottle of water won't make you look like a wuss. It's also not a bad idea to buy one and have it ready should you get thirsty, want to avoid a hangover or need to clean your friend's vomit off your shoes. NPE: If everything starts going black and you're having trouble standing, you probably need water.

• **Souvenirs** -- It'll probably cost as much for a T-shirt as it did for your ticket. You can always scout the parking lots for a \$10 bootlegged shirt, but you never know if the ink will fade or the cops will cuff you as you buy it. In some ways, your ringing ears and ticket stub will always be a reminder.

• **Getting home** -- It's best to establish a meeting place with your friends. As you're herded toward the parking lot like cattle through a meat-packing plant, it's best if you have a pre-determined meeting place set up. This way, your friends can carry your drunk, over-heated body back to the car, or your mom will know where you and your friends will be. NPE: It's always fun to "Mooooo!" as you walk through the crowd towards the exit.

## Canadian Festivals:

- \* North By Northeast - (June 12-15, 2008 - Toronto, ON)
- \* Sled Island Festival - (June 25-28, 2008 - Calgary, AB)
- \* Ottawa Bluesfest -- (July 3-13, 2008 - Ottawa, ON)
- \* Edgefest - (July 12, 2008 - Toronto, ON)
- \* Virgin Mobile Festival (Calgary) - (June 20-21, 2008 - Calgary, AB)
- \* Rogers Picnic - (July 20, 2008 - Toronto, ON)
- \* Virgin Mobile Festival (Vancouver) - (July 20-21, 2008 - Vancouver, BC)
- \* Calgary Folk Festival - (July 24-28, 2008 - Calgary, AB)
- \* Pemberton Festival - (July 25-27, 2008 - Pemberton, BC)
- \* Osheaga Music Festival - (August 3-4, 2008 - Montreal, QC)
- \* Virgin Mobile Festival (Toronto) - (September 6-7, 2008 - Toronto, ON)

## U.S. Festivals:

- \* Rites of Spring Music Festival - (April 18-19, 2008 - Nashville, Tennessee)
- \* Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival - (April 25-27, 2008 - Indio, California)
- \* New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival - (April 25-27, May 1-4, 2008 - New Orleans, Louisiana)
- \* Sunfest - (April 30-May 4, 2008 - West Palm Beach, Florida)
- \* Beale Street Music Festival - (May 2-4, 2008 - Memphis, Tennessee)
- \* Stagecoach Music Festival - (May 2-5, 2008 - Indio, California)
- \* Rock on the Range Music Festival - (May 17-18, 2008 - Columbus, Ohio)
- \* Summercamp Music Festival - (May 22-25, 2008 - Chillicothe, Illinois)
- \* Jam on the River Festival - (May 23-25, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- \* Sasquatch! Music Festival - (May 24-26, 2008 - George, Washington)
- \* Detroit Electronic Music Festival - (May 24-26, 2008 - Detroit, Michigan)
- \* Soundset Festival - (May 25, 2008 - Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- \* Mountain Jam Festival - (May 30-June 1, 2008 - Hunter Mountain, New York)
- \* Monterey Music Summit - (May 30-June 1, 2008 - Monterey, California)
- \* Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival - (June 5-8, 2008 - Lawrence, Kansas)
- \* Harmony Festival - (June 6-8, 2008 - Santa Rosa, California)
- \* Starscape Festival - (June 7, 2008 - Baltimore, Maryland)
- \* Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival - (June 12-15, 2008 - Manchester, Tennessee)
- \* Telluride Bluegrass Festival - (June 19-22, 2008 - Telluride, Colorado)
- \* Popped! Philadelphia Music Festival - (June 20-22, 2008 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
- \* Summerfest - (June 26-July 8, 2008 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
- \* Rothbury Music Festival - (July 3-6, 2008 - Rothbury, Michigan)
- \* All Good Music Festival - (July 11-13, 2008 - Masontown, West Virginia)
- \* Pitchfork Music Festival - (July 18-20, 2008 - Chicago, Illinois)
- \* Mile High Music Festival - (July 19-20, 2008 - Denver, Colorado)
- \* 10,000 Lakes Music Festival - (July 23-26, 2008 - Detroit Lakes, Minnesota)
- \* Forecastle Festival - (July 25-27, 2008 - Louisville, Kentucky)
- \* Lollapalooza - (August 1-3, 2008 - Chicago, Illinois)
- \* Virgin Music Festival (Baltimore) - (August 9-10, 2008 - Baltimore, Maryland)
- \* Outside Lands Festival - (August 22-24, 2008 - San Francisco, California)
- \* Bumbershoot - (August 30-September 1, 2008 - Seattle, Washington)
- \* Austin City Limits Music Festival - (September 26-28, 2008 - Austin, Texas)
- \* Voodoo Music Experience - (October 24-26, 2008 - New Orleans, Louisiana)
- \* Veggoose - (October 31-November 2 - Las Vegas, Nevada)

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- \* Rock Ness - (June 7-8, 2008 - Loch Ness, Scotland)
- \* The Isle of Wight Festival - (June 13-15, 2008 - Seaclose Park, England)
- \* Hove Festival - (June 23-27, 2008 - Tromøy, Norway)
- \* Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts - (June 27-29, 2008 - Pilton, England)
- \* O2 Wireless Festival - (July 3-6, 2008 - London, England)
- \* Redfest - (July 4-5, 2008 - Surry, England)
- \* Zoo Thousand and Eight Music Festival - (July 5-6, 2008 - Kent, England)
- \* T in the Park - (July 11-13, 2008 - Balado, Scotland)
- \* Oxygen Music Festival - (July 11-13, 2008 - County Kildare, Ireland)
- \* The Big Chill Music Festival - (August 1-3, 2008 - Herefordshire, England)
- \* Paredes de Coura Music Festival - (August 1-3, 2008 - Paredes de Coura, Portugal)
- \* Øyafestivalen - (August 5-9, 2008 - Oslo, Norway)
- \* Sanctuary Festival - (August 8-9, 2008 - Winchester, England)
- \* Field Day -- (August 9, 2008 - London, England)
- \* V Festival - (August 15-16, 2008 - Chelmsford and Stafford, England)
- \* Reading and Leeds Music Festivals - (August 22-24, 2008 - Reading and Leeds, England)
- \* Electric Picnic Music Festival - (August 29-31, 2008 - Stradbally, England)
- \* Bestival - (September 5-7, 2008 - Isle of Wight, England)





# Bonnaroo music festival opens minds and hearts

HALEY KUNTZ

**Bonnaroo** \_n 1 Cajun slang word meaning "a really good time." 2 Creole-French construction taken from "bon" (French for "good") and "rue" (French for "street").

When the name of a festival translates to mean "a really good time," you get curious about it. Finding out that this festival attracts 80 000 open minded individuals from all over the world, hosts bands like Ben Harper, Tool and the Police, and is the biggest of its kind in the United States, makes you even more interested.

Bonnaroo is a music and arts festival held every year in Manchester, Tennessee. Before I attempt to describe Bonnaroo, I have to warn you that explaining experiences like Bonnaroo has been compared to describing a particular colour to someone who only sees black and white—difficult to describe effectively. I can say that Bonnaroo is like nowhere I have ever been. It takes place on 530 acres of what used to be a farm, but was recently purchased by the organizers of Bonnaroo. Everyone parks on



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**The Bonnaroo Fountain cools off festival goers and provides a meeting place for new and old friends. The 2007 checkerboard design included over 7 million checks and featured a sustainable lighting scheme after dark.**

FOMO (fear of missing out). Missing out is inevitable when there are over 100 bands and only

Christmas-tree-ball-like art is found hanging from the few trees that dot the otherwise dry and flat farmland. At night fire shows light up a corner of the venue while massive fireflies blink from their perches on sticks 30 feet off the ground. People at Bonnaroo are art. It is not uncommon to see bodies completely covered in colourful tattoos, people in full costumes, men in wrap skirts, women covered only by body paint, and people walking around casually completely naked. People carry art they have created—be it decorated hoola hoops, batons, or flags to hold up during shows. During a late night show, I saw a puppet made of fluorescent glow sticks and so huge that it took four people (one on each limb) to operate it, and make it dance above the crowds.

At the start of the weekend, the walls around the venue are blank—open pallets meant for people to create art on using spray paint. By the end of the weekend, quotes, colorful graffiti art, funky designs and huge imitations of famous rock and rollers cover every inch of the walls.

## The People

The amazing thing about Bonnaroo is that everyone is there for the same reasons—music, art, and to enjoy life however they choose to do that. Despite its massive size, it has the feel of a community. I've never been somewhere with so

many friendly people. Nobody judges, nobody cares what anyone else is doing or saying as long as they're not harming anyone. There are lines for everything, but in the total of four days, I didn't see one fight or anyone mad about anything. Once, in the midst of a huge lineup a guy started to get annoyed, and then began to tap on a wall, making a funky beat for everyone to enjoy. It is impossible not to fit in based on looks or clothing—except maybe if you were wearing a business suit.

'Shakedown Street' is the main "road" at Bonnaroo and is crammed with vendors selling everything from handmade clothing, to instruments, to kites, to jewellery, to food, to every drug on the market.

## My Experience

So, you may be asking yourself how a girl from the lakes of cottage country Muskoka finds herself baking in the Tennessee sun one day in June. My curiosity for music festivals began in high school when my friend and I stumbled across a DVD of Bonnaroo in a music store. We must have watched that video a hundred times, and added Bonnaroo to our life to-do lists. Finding myself between jobs this past June I decided to try and get to Bonnaroo. A bit unsure of where to start making my trip happen, I joined a Facebook group titled Bonnaroo: The

Canadian Invasion. The next thing I know I get an email from a couple leaving from Toronto willing to give me a ride. As sketchy as this may seem, I was cautious (and a bit trusting) and this couple turned out to be the kindest, friendliest people. For \$80, I got myself a round trip from Toronto to Manchester, Tennessee. Maybe Facebook is useful for more than procrastinating, after all...

If the music, art and people weren't enough stimulation, there is more to do and see at Bonnaroo. There is a jazz tent, a comedy tent, a cinema tent and a circus (called Bonna Rouge). Planet Roo is part of the festival dedicated to social and environmental issues that has a straw bale house and a stage for speakers. The fountain, that has become an icon of Bonnaroo, is painted differently each year. This year it had 7 million checks on it, all weaving and spinning in different directions. People dance, play or cool off from the 33 °C heat in the fountain, which I did a few times a day.

After the constant sensory stimulation that was Bonnaroo, coming home to real life was a huge adjustment. I realized I wasn't the only one who had an unreal time when I came across these comments on a Bonnaroo Facebook group with 3915 members.

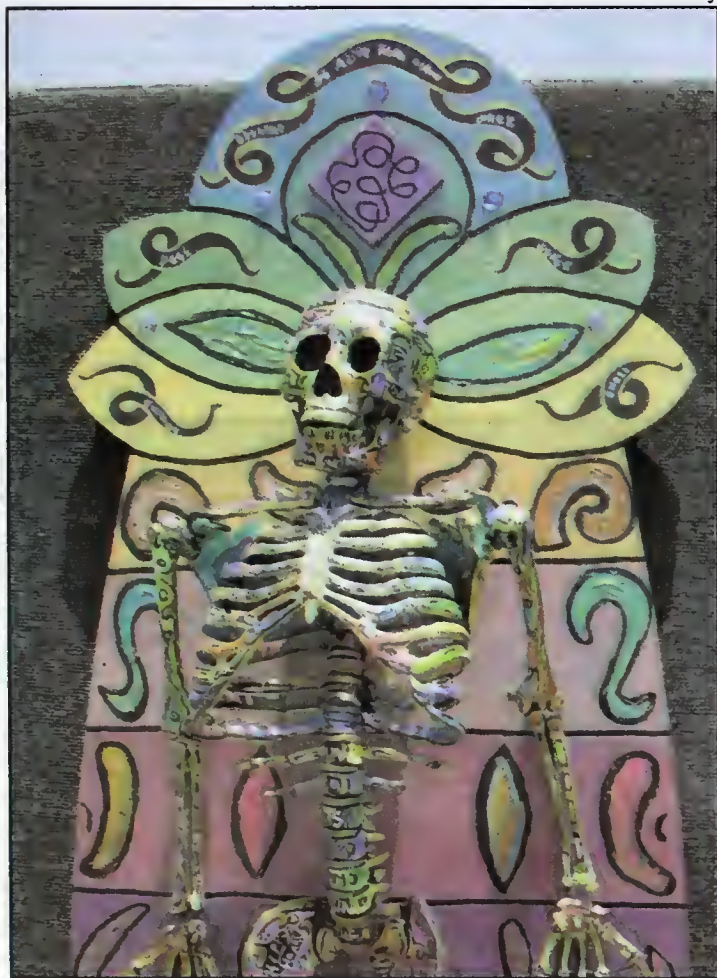
My bracelet (that lets you into the festival) looks awful now.. its all torn and ripped but I'm still wearing it! My boss begs me everyday to take it off.. there is no way in hell this thing is coming off... no way!

I was walking in the mall today and I realized that I couldn't go up to people and start talking to them... and I also noticed how angry people look compared to all of us at Bonnaroo :)

I miss it terribly. It's really nice to have a warm shower, good food, an actual bed, and a toilet that hasn't been used by tens of thousands of people.....but I'd trade it all back for 'roo in a second. I don't feel dishonest saying that it was one of the best times of my entire life.

So, next time you have the choice to take a risk and do something that you're curious about, but scares you a bit—do it. There's a good chance you'll be glad you did. And who knows, you might discover something amazing.

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**Art projects filled the 500+ acre festival, including this life-size skeleton with an asking price of \$2000. The Art of Such and Such area of Bonnaroo hosted nightly fire shows, sculptural installations and dance performances.**

Thursday afternoon and camps until Sunday night in well sectioned off "pods" located in a horseshoe shape around Centeroo, which is the main area of the festival grounds, where the music, art and general craziness takes place.

Imagine a place with a ferris wheel, a giant water fountain in the shape of a mushroom and a place where 80 000 hippies are listening to music, appreciating art and enjoying life—and you have Bonnaroo. For four days this past June, this was what I experienced.

## The Music

An article titled Bonnaroo ADD in Bonnaroo's newspaper, The Bonnaroo Beacon, describes our attempt to cram as much music as possible into the 4 days. We all had a case of my friend Kat's invented condition called

four days. Highlights in my mind as far as music go include Ben Harper (with guests Ziggy Marley and John Paul Jones from Led Zeppelin) John Butler Trio, Government Mule, Michael Franti & Spearhead, Xavier Rudd, The Roots and The String Cheese Incident. The Police, Tool and Widespread Panic were this year's headliners. With stages and tents being named What Stage, Which Stage, This Tent, That Tent and The Other Tent, you can imagine the puzzlement this causes the already slightly confused Bonnaroo-goers. A Silent Disco, open almost around the clock, let people rave out with headphones on, while passerby's see a tent full of people dancing to seemingly no music.

## The Art

At Bonnaroo, there is art everywhere you look. Huge



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**The Sequatchie Valley intentional community in Tennessee provided information about sustainable architecture with their straw bale house. Organizers used the opportunity to educate festival attendees about cob building (clay, sand, and straw) and outlined how they live in these structures year round.**



# "You Don't Need a Three-Piece Suit to Tell the Truth"

Gina Webb

During the week of March 12, 2008 eight political science students, myself included, had the chance to attend CANIMUN, which is the Canadian Model United Nations in Ottawa. Despite the relatively fluid coordination of past years, this year's organizational capacities were limited at best. Although I had an overall pleasant experience, the first day was especially surprising.

Clerical errors aside (like not having enough identification badges for everyone in the group and spelling other members' names wrong despite our relatively small group!), we were all pretty much disgusted to find the paucity of French translators in attendance. In fact, there was one translator for all eight committees. Although none of the Laurentian students are limited to only the French language, it was quite disheartening to see students travel all the way from

Nigeria and have to face language barriers in a bilingual host country. The only way many of these students could be accommodated was if they happened to be sitting on the one lucky committee that had a translator (not to mention the numerous Quebec students who were in attendance and could also not participate).

Having calmed down slightly after this initial consternation, we were eager to find out whether the organizers could further make the week inconvenient. Luckily, we didn't have to wait too long. We soon found out that we would not be able to meet with any of the three countries' ambassadors we were to represent (a tradition that spans the 6 years CANIMUN has been in operation). We found their excuse for this rather difficult to digest. Apparently security was an issue this year, but last year there was no problem letting Laurentian visit Iran's embassy. We weren't alone, though. The majority of the



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schools who participated were not permitted to meet with their ambassador. One of the schools so foolishly thought they had clearance to visit the Greek embassy only to be turned down at the embassy's steps.

However, the week wasn't all bad, and although the French situation didn't get any better, I think we all ended up really enjoying the week. We all worked really hard and even though we were quite possibly the smallest group there; in a David-and-

Goliathesque manoeuvre, we managed to take home two of the twenty-two awards and receive one honourable mention! Congratulations to all eight of our representatives for doing a great job!

**Do you really think it is weakness that yields to temptation?  
I tell you that there are terrible temptations which it  
requires strength, strength and courage to yield to.**

Oscar Wilde

## Should Olympic Athletes Boycott the 2008 Olympics?



In 2001, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded the 2008 Olympics to Beijing. China had made many promises to the international community including, to clean up their multiple environmental problems and human rights record. It's 2008 and only 120 days until the opening ceremonies and many are beginning to wonder if the IOC made the right decision. After the large demonstrations since early March by the Tibetan people, there is talk that many people want to boycott the Beijing Olympics. Famous people such as Steven Spielberg have announced that he will now be boycotting the Olympics and not helping with the opening ceremonies due to the links with China and the conflict in Darfur. Many athletes are wondering if

they should be boycotting. Some feel, as athletes they should not be expressing their opinion on political issues. They should follow the direction provided by their state government and their job is to perform. While some athletes are advocates of the human rights, movement others feel that the international community needs to participate in these games to see truly the devastating problems in China and hopes that afterwards there will be international pressure for change. What is an athlete to do? Stand by their government or do they push on with their won beliefs? Currently the doors to China are open and this is the time to act. After the Olympics they might close their doors again to the international community. Some have compared the possible boycott to Beijing would be

the same as the 1980 Moscow boycott by the western states due to the invasion in Afghanistan. The only problem is that Tibet occurred over 50 years ago, something still needs to be done to help these people and unfortunately these Olympics could be the ideal opportunity.

The unofficial Tibetan Olympic Committee attempted to have a team attend the 2008 Beijing Olympics but was turned down in 2007 by the IOC. The IOC believed that the Tibetan team would fall under the National Olympic Committee of China. Tibet would have to be recognizing before 1996 to be able to participate such as other nation like Palestine and Taiwan. The athletes that are members to the Tibetan team are mostly refugees that are located around the world.

No only does Beijing have a major effect on the athletes but also on the well being of journalists. Many journalist are afraid of their material will be censored and they will not be able to have the opportunity to actually see the rest of China. They do not want to strictly focus on the games but the state of China and the people. Last week Reporters Without Borders protested in Paris their sentiments of the Beijing Olympics.

What is an athlete to do? Do they set aside their states political approach and fight for human rights or do they pretend as if they have never heard or understand the situation in China? As an recreational athlete and past competitive athlete, I think it's

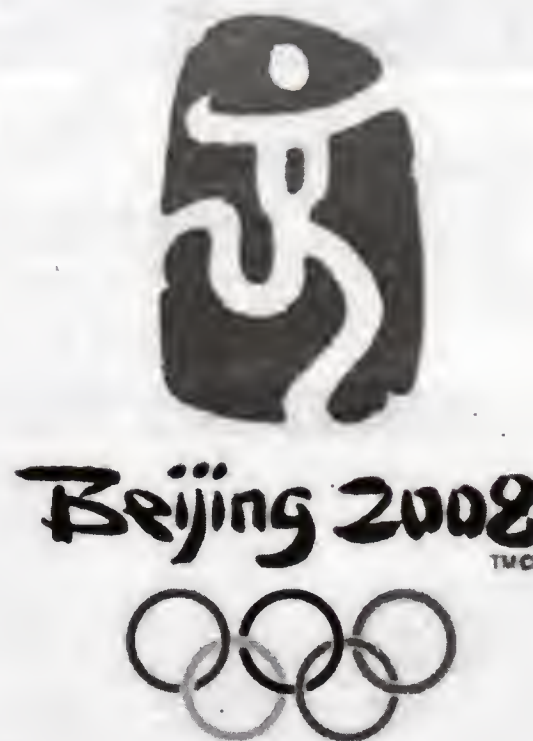
the duty of an athlete to evaluate for themselves if they should boycott they Olympics or not. They should put pressure on their government if they believe they should or should not participate at these games, rather invest the money into how find some form of solution to the problem in China with the international community. These athletes will stand together at the Olympics and while they are representing their state at the end of the day they hang up their medals, head to the athletes village and meet athletes from around the world with one common interest, winning a goal

medal yes but fostering peaceful games and friendship.

If you are interested in reading more on this topic check out [www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca) there is a great hot debate that happened in February of this year between many of it's readers.

I would like to thank you Lambda for the opportunity of writing for the paper this year and I hope you, the readers have enjoyed my editorial on the hot issues in the world of sport.

Maggie L.B. Frampton





## Dr. Norm O'Reilly named to Olympic Mission Team

Laurentian University is pleased to announce that Norm O'Reilly, director of the School of Sports Administration and director of the Institute for Sport Marketing, has been named to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Mission Team. He will work with the Canadian Olympic Committee as administrative officer at the Canada Olympic House. The Olympic Games in Beijing, China will be held from August 8 to August 24, 2008. He was also named to a similar position for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Dr. Norm O'Reilly is an

accomplished researcher and teacher, and an involved sport industry contributor. He has published two books, more than 25 refereed articles in management journal and has presented his work at over 50 conferences around the world. His areas of interest include sport management, sponsorship, technology management, management education, and social marketing. Dr. O'Reilly also has extensive experience in sport that includes professional and volunteer positions including senior policy officer at Sport Canada and event manager for the 2008 Toronto Olympic Bid. Dr. O'Reilly cur-

rently sits on the Board of Directors of Diving Canada.

The 125 members of the mission team are comprised of non-accredited and accredited personnel. Members of the mission team will provide support in areas including healthcare and sport science, village operations, transportation, communications, performance centre, outfitting and Canada Olympic House. The full list of mission team members is available on the Canadian Olympic Committee's website at <http://www.olympic.ca/EN/organization/news/2008/0312.shtml#mission>.

## LU Spring Basketball League Back with New Name & Look

The Laurentian Spring Basketball League is back for 2008 with a new name and new look. Laurentian's spring basketball schedule will now include two different leagues the Laurentian Basketball League (LBL) and the Laurentian Basketball Development League (LBDL). Both leagues are set to begin May 13th at Laurentian's Ben Avery Gymnasium.

The Laurentian Basketball League (LBL) will take the place of the old LU Spring League and will focus more on the development of young basketball players in the Sudbury area than in previous years. Instituting rules for guaranteed minutes and balanced teams with mentor players on each team are just some of the steps taken to improve the league. It will be open to those 16 years of age or older and be comprised of a maximum of eight teams with 10 players on each team. Each player will receive a reversible jersey and a chance at LBL bragging rights with their \$125 registration fee.

15 years of age. The LBDL has instituted rules for guaranteed minutes for each player, with each of the leagues four teams having assigned coaches. Similar to the LBL, LBDL players will each receive a reversible jersey and a guaranteed double round-robin schedule with their \$80 registration fee.

Registration is now open for both leagues with the first night of competition set for May 13th, 2008. Games will take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights with game times set for 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. at Laurentian's Ben Avery Gymnasium.

A full registration package is available at [www.luvoyageurs.com/camps/index.html](http://www.luvoyageurs.com/camps/index.html). If you have any inquiries about the LBL or LBDL contact men's basketball coach Shawn Swords at 705-675-1151 extension 1022 or by email at [sswords@laurentian.ca](mailto:sswords@laurentian.ca).

Greg Hoddinott

The newly added Laurentian Basketball Development League (LBDL) is open to boys 14 and

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## BYRNE & KUHN BREAK WAVES ON FINAL DAY OF OLYMPIC TRIALS

Laurentian swimmers Jeff Byrne and Stephanie Kuhn finished off the 2008 Olympic Trials in style by once again making significant moves up the rankings, this time in the 50-metre freestyle event.

In the women's 50-metre freestyle event, Kuhn entered Sunday's preliminary heats ranked 58th of 158 entries with a seed time of 27.28. The native of Timmins, Ontario did not see improvement on her time but was able to move up 19 spots in the rankings to 39th with a time of 27.44.

In the men's 50-metre freestyle event, Byrne entered his Sunday's preliminary heats ranked 81st out of 106 swimmers with a seed time of 25.17. The native of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario was able to slightly improve on his seed time and jumped 21 spots in the ranking to finish 60th in a time of 25.04.

With the Olympic Trials now over for both Byrne and Kuhn, they will focus on their summer training, however, it is important to note the significant improvements that these two swimmers made against the best that Canada has to offer over the six day Olympic Trial event.

A complete list of day-by-day results for Kuhn and Byrne can be found below:

Tuesday, April 1, 2008: Byrne (OFF), Kuhn (100FL-55th)  
Wednesday, April 2, 2008: Byrne (200FR-45th), Kuhn (OFF)  
Thursday, April 3, 2008: Byrne (200FL-29th), Kuhn (200FR-51st)  
Friday, April 4, 2008: Byrne (100FR-104th), Kuhn (200IM-42nd)  
Saturday, April 5, 2008: Byrne (100FL-27th), Kuhn (100FR-43rd)  
Sunday, April 6, 2008: Byrne (50FR-60th) & Kuhn (50FR-39th)

The complete results from the Olympic Trials can be found at [www.swimming.ca](http://www.swimming.ca).

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NATI 2105EL 10	Culture, Behaviour and the Identity of the Native Person	T.B.A.			
NATI 3105 EL 10	Canadian Law, Politics and Aboriginal People	K. FitzMaurice			
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PHIL 2345 EL 10	Bioethics: Human Life Issues	R. Srigley			
PHIL 2525 EL 10	Contemporary Moral Issues	J. Spencer			
PHIL 2575 EL 10	Philosophy of Law	S. Vian			
RLST 2105EL 10	Event and Meaning in the Bible	A. Chezzi			
RLST 2185EL 10	The Person of Jesus	J. Duggan			
RLST 2345EL 10	Bioethics: Human Life Issues	R. Srigley			
RLST 3235EL 10	Judaism	D. Timmer			
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PHIL 2325 EL 01	Reason and Exp... Early Modern Phil	C. Collier	M/W	13:30-15:00	111
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PHIL 3316 EL 01 (2)	Medieval Philosophy	P. Biondi	T/T	14:30-16:00	110
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OTTAWA (CUP) — Student advocates are applauding Liberal Senator Yoine Goldstein for introducing a bill that will make it easier for student-loan borrowers to declare bankruptcy. Others, however, are questioning why going to school should force students into bankruptcy in the first place.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) and the Coalition for Student Loan Fairness (CSLF) all support Bill S-205, which is currently being debated at the Senate Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee.

Currently, student-loan borrowers must wait seven years before they can apply for a discharge on a loan by declaring bankruptcy, as per the federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

That number is down from the 10-year period that was mandated in 1998, and S-205 hopes to see the waiting period lowered to just two years.

"It's really a relatively small demand of a student to be able to say they have to pay back their loan," said Goldstein.

"What I'm worried about is the student who becomes ill, who becomes unemployed, who becomes handicapped, who has a nervous breakdown, who is unable to obtain a job in their field or any other field, and who just can't pay back."

S-205 was originally introduced as S-227, but it was dropped at the end of the last session of parliament.

He re-introduced the bill a few months ago, and it was the subject of two hearings at committee on March 13 and April 3.

Goldstein approached the CFS and CASA last summer when he was drafting the bill. Both groups were enthusiastic.

"Technically, our position is that there should be no prohibition [of loan discharges], but in the political landscape today, a two-year prohibition introduced by a Liberal senator is a welcome dialogue about the harm that the existing legislation is causing," said CFS government-relations coordinator Ian Boyko.

CASA National Director Zach Churchill added his support, though with some reservation.

"It actually reflected a lot of our policy on bankruptcy issues, so we were pretty impressed with it," he said.

"But it's still going to make it an application-based process to be able to... get bankruptcy support. We would like to see one where students can automatically get it."

Critics have said that this bill will allow students who want to get rid of their debt to do so simply by declaring bankruptcy and washing their hands of money owed.

HRSDC spokesman Murray Gross said that the government does not support S-205. He argued that the government has

already addressed the issue of student-borrower relief.

"Our Bill C-12 put in place debt management measures to help borrowers for the first seven years of repayment. Most borrowers are able to make reasonable payments within five years," he said.

Churchill disagreed with that assessment. He said that declaring bankruptcy only hurts students, but the option should be available.

"I think we need to give students the benefit of the doubt," he said.

"They are smart people. Presumably, they just received a post-secondary education and have the ability to think critically and understand that bankruptcy isn't a good thing for anybody. It's a last resort for students who are suffering the most."

For students who drop their debt irresponsibly, Goldstein offered criteria that a judge could consider when deciding whether or not to discharge either, part, or all of a borrower's loan.

"[Criteria] would include the extent to which the student's ability to earn a reasonable income in the foreseeable future is there, whether the student made an effort to reimburse during the course of the previous period of time, [or] whether the student took advantage of debt and interest relief provisions," he said.

The CFS and CSLF both praised Goldstein for his commitment to student loans.

"[Goldstein] has a track record in working on these



issues, and I think he's generally regarded as one of Canada's experts in this area of the law," said Boyko.

"He brings a wealth of experience to this discussion that virtually most other Senators — or probably MPs — wouldn't be able to bring... to the table."

CSLF executive director Julian Benedict said that Goldstein was "one of the first stakeholders approached" by the coalition when it formed in April 2007.

"Goldstein has been a tireless advocate for student-loan borrowers. I don't think his party affiliation is as important as his passion for students," said Benedict.

Benedict supports S-205, but he pointed out that it doesn't help students avoid accumulating debt in the first place.

"It's a step in the right direc-

tion, but we still have to deal with fundamental problems with the existing system that puts people into bankruptcy," he said.

Benedict said that the entire student-loan repayment regime should have students and recent graduates pay less interest.

While the initial loans are hard to deal with, he said, what sends students over the edge — sometimes into bankruptcy — are the interest payments.

"Seventy-five per cent of people who default do so in the first three years of repayment," he said. "You pay mostly interest at the beginning of your loan, so actually it's the interest that is causing people to default."

Goldstein said that he has received support from a large number of senators, both in the chamber and at committee.

## Universities struggle to cope with mental health issues on campus

### Study indicates students 12 per cent more likely to suffer mental health issues

Hayley Darychuk  
the Charlatan  
(Carleton University)

OTTAWA (CUP) — Post-secondary institutions across Canada are struggling to students' demands for mental health care services or support.

Richard Kadison, chief of mental health services at Harvard University, recently conducted a study in which he found students to be 12 per cent more likely to suffer mental health issues than the rest of the population.

Debate remains, though, as to whether the increase is because students are having a harder time dealing with the pace of modern academia, or if students are sim-

ply more aware of available services and are accessing them.

Pam Whiting, the director of health and counselling services at Simon Fraser University, said that "increased awareness on the part of students, staff and faculty of mental health issues is leading to more students coming forward and being referred."

Patty Allen, the health educator at Carleton University's health and counselling services, said she thinks the increase is due to an increase in both awareness and stress levels.

"This is definitely a younger generation, both chronologically and maturity-wise," she said.

"Competition to get into university has become more intense. Institutions are attracting high-achieving and overachieving students who put a lot of pressure on themselves in all aspects of their lives."

Allen said universities are also struggling to provide mental health services for

their students because of a lack of funding.

Whiting said that it is difficult to pinpoint which issues are affecting students most, and what is causing the increases.

"I do know from a social and population health perspective that financial issues, adjusting to a new culture, normal developmental transitioning [from family to greater independence] and both internal and external pressures to do well, can all play a role."

Simon Fraser University recently added a second psychiatrist to its staff to fill the increasing need for expertise in dealing with students' mental health.

Stanley Kutcher, a mental health expert at Dalhousie University, though, believes that Kadison's study defines mental health issues too vaguely.

In order to accurately determine if students are more susceptible to mental disorders, he said, the study would have to examine specific issues, such as stress or depression.

"There has been no increase in the rate of mental disorders or depression... the measure has been going down over the past decade," Kutcher said.

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) said that university

students' stress levels increases when the social and financial costs of education increase.

The CMHA said that adolescents cope with emotions differently than adults.

Self-injury is becoming a common way for youth to relieve psychological pain. Thirteen per cent of teens involved in a recent CMHA study said they cut, burnt or hit themselves.

Reasons teens engage in this behaviour might lie in the fact their brains are undergoing massive behavioural changes as they continue to grow and mature.

Dalhousie's teen mental health website states teens are more likely than the general population to face depression, anxiety and have thoughts of suicide while they adapt to new environments like university.

These brain developments cause adolescents to go through periods during which they lack motivation in their work, and take risks they previously would not have thought right.

"In talking with our counselling staff and physicians, it would appear that the complexity and severity of mental health issues has increased," said Whiting.

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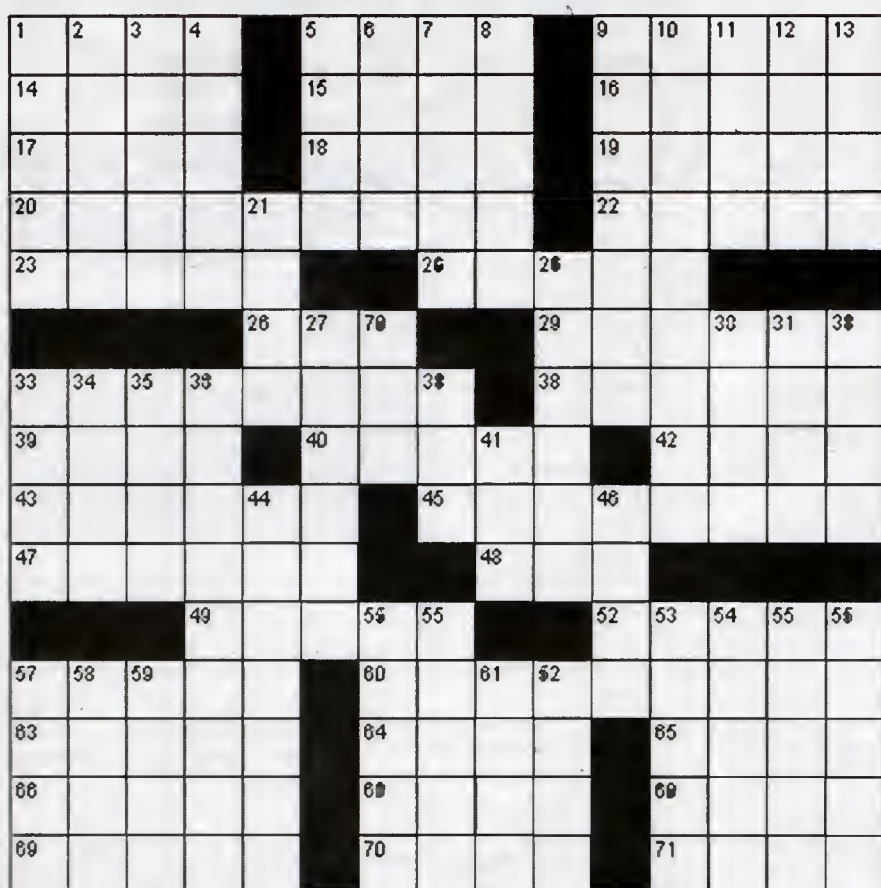
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## ACROSS

1. The Red Planet
5. Pads
9. Half-quarts
14. To press clothes
15. Operatic solo
16. Love intensely
17. Jules Verne's captain
18. General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
19. A durable aromatic wood
20. Below the threshold of hearing
22. Bowel cleansing
23. Devilfish
24. Belch
26. A type of evergreen
29. Increases
33. Logger
38. Colonnade
39. A river in central Europe
40. The color of earth
42. Assistant
43. An Old Testament prophet
45. Clear broth
47. The second of two
48. S
49. Annoyed
52. Fails to win
57. Cassia
60. A registered symbol
63. Electronic letters

64. 60 minutes

65. Seaweed

66. Transported by pipeline

67. A very small amount

68. Owl sound

69. Braid

70. Coalesce into a mass

71. Anagram of "Neat"

## DOWN

1. Half note
2. Sporting venue
3. An ancient empire
4. Nose
5. Wise men
6. A Semitic people
7. What a book is called
8. A forest god
9. Leads the cars in a race (2 words)
10. The same
11. A connecting point
12. Streetcar
13. Anagram of "Sear"
21. 365 of them in a year
25. 7th planet from the sun
27. Go on board
28. Armed conflict
30. Travel on a wind-powered boat
31. Edible starchy root of taro plants
32. Observed

33. Whirlpool

34. Leaf of the talipot palm

35. Death notice

36. Fates

37. An elegantly dressed man

41. Intense mournfulness

44. Foreshadows

46. Small island

50. Moral principle

51. Saliva

53. City in Nebraska

54. Parlor

55. A plant disease caused by a fungus

56. Glide on ice

57. French for "Seven"

58. Anagram of "Mire"

59. Back of the neck

61. Car

62. Darn

# Convocation Info - Spring 2008

EVERYONE WHO HAS APPLIED TO GRADUATE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER IN THE MAIL WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WHEN THEIR GRAD CEREMONY IS, AND WHERE TO PICK UP THEIR GOWNS. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TICKETS AND GUESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT MONTH.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Laurentian University will celebrate about 2,300 new graduates during the 2008 spring convocation ceremonies. Due to the large number of graduates, nine ceremonies will be held again this year in the Fraser auditorium, from Tuesday, June 3, to Saturday, June 7, 2008.

Of the 2,300 graduates, about 500 will be recognized at planned convocation ceremonies in two affiliated institutions - Algoma University College in Sault-Ste. Marie and Collège universitaire de Hearst - as well as in articulation programs with Cambrian (Sudbury), Georgian (Barrie), Northern (Timmins) and Sault (Sault-Ste. Marie) colleges.

This group will join the 36,211 students who received a degree since the university was founded nearly 50 years ago, and are now part of the extensive network of Laurentian alumni.

All nine spring convocation ceremonies held on the Laurentian University campus will be webcast at [www.laurentian.ca](http://www.laurentian.ca), enabling relatives, friends and others unable to attend in person to view the ceremonies, wherever they find themselves in the world.

## Honorary doctorates

Six honorary doctorates will be awarded during the 2008 spring convocation ceremonies.

**Lieutenant-General the Honorable Roméo Dallaire, O.C., C.M.M., G.O.C., M.S.C., C.D. (retired) and Senator, honorary doctorate of laws**

June 4, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Roméo Dallaire is a Canadian senator, humanitarian, author and retired general. He is widely known for his role as Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda in 1994. *Shake Hands with the Devil - The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda*, published in 2003, is an account of his experience during the genocide. This book has been internationally acclaimed, winning the Shaughnessy Cohen Award for Political Writing and the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction in 2004. Senator Dallaire is very active in the fields of genocide prevention and human rights. A visiting lecturer at a number of Canadian and American universities, Senator Dallaire has written articles on conflict resolution, humanitarian aid, human rights and leadership. He has been invested as an Officer in the Order of Canada and was the first recipient of the Aegis Award on Genocide Prevention from the United Kingdom. Senator Dallaire is a Fellow of Ryerson University and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and has received numerous honorary doctorates from many Canadian and American universities.

**Leland Bell, honorary doctorate of letters**

June 5, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Born on Manitoulin Island and of Odawa, Ojibwa and Potawatami descent, Leland Bell is a world-renowned artist, sculptor and musician. He identifies himself as an Anishinaabe artist. His paintings are stylized human figures illustrating the affinity of family or friends, often depicting imagery of nurturing, learning and serenity. Leland Bell's work appears as far as the Vatican in Rome and as near as Laurentian University in Sudbury. His giant mural decorates the entrance of the university's Fraser Building. His artwork has been commissioned widely and has travelled extensively internationally and nationally. Leland Bell has been forming rock and blues bands

since 1972, and has provided background music for TVO, documentary dramas and plays. He has composed *Mishomis*, recorded on a Juno award-winning compilation CD. He writes and records many of his songs in the Anishinaabe language reflecting his pride in the Native community. Known as an advocate of harmony, kindness and tolerance, he never declines an invitation to participate in or conduct traditional ceremonies. Leland Bell and his wife Lorie own the Bebaminojmat/Leland Bell Art Gallery in Wikwemikong.

**Ken Derrett, honorary doctorate of sports administration**

June 6, 2008, 10 a.m.

Ken Derrett is one of the most successful SPAD (Sports Administration) graduates of Laurentian University. He came to Laurentian in Sudbury from Winnipeg in 1975 and is now vice-president and chief marketing officer of the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League (NFL). Before working for the NFL, Ken Derrett was senior vice-president, Global Marketing Partnerships, for the National Basketball Association (NBA) in New York. He joined the NBA in 1995 when NBA Canada was established and was named managing director in 1996. Previously, he was manager, Sports and Entertainment Properties, at Labatt Breweries of Canada, managing a variety of sports properties including the Toronto Blue Jays, Canadian Olympic Association, Hockey Canada, the Canadian Curling Association and the Commonwealth Games. In addition, he managed several strategic relationships for the company, including SkyDome, TSN and the Canadian Country Music Association. Over the past 20 years, Ken Derrett has donated countless amounts of time to his alma mater and continues to provide internship, field trip and job opportunities to SPAD students and graduates. He has recently joined the School's advisory board.

**Robert Paquette, honorary doctorate of letters**

June 6, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Sudbury native and Laurentian alumnus Robert Paquette is one of French Ontario's best-known artists and singer-songwriters. He's been everywhere from Brussels to Paris to Sudbury, with stops in Montreal, Mexico, Yaoundé and New York, alongside artists such as Zacharie Richard, Jim Corcoran, Daniel Lanois and Francis Cabrel. His songs "Bleu et Blanc" and "Jamaica" were deemed classics by the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN). During the 1970s, he composed songs including "Moé, j'veins du Nord, Stie" for Laurentian's student theatre group. As a host and producer, he worked in radio and television in Toronto and Sudbury and produced several albums for up-and-coming artists like Chuck Labelle. Throughout his career, Robert Paquette has received many honours, including the Prix du Nouvel-Ontario, the Jesse Washington Award from the Northern Lights Festival, the Prix Chantecler du Grand Gala de la fierté francophone and the Ordre de la Pléiade (Assemblée internationale des parlementaires de langue française). In 2001, the APCM (Association des professionnels de la chanson et de la musique franco-ontariennes) paid tribute to Robert Paquette at its first Music and Song Gala.

**Honorable Herménégilde Chiasson, honorary doctorate of letters**

June 7, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

One of Canada's most accomplished cultural icons, Herménégilde Chiasson is a poet, playwright, visual artist, editor and artistic director who has largely helped define the contemporary artistic community in Acadia. When he was named New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governor, he was a faculty member at the University of Moncton, a position he had held since 1988. His work has been shown in more than a hundred exhibits and he has authored several books, including *Conversations* (Governor General's Literary

Award, Poetry, 1999), as well as twenty or so plays. Herménégilde Chiasson was the director of the University of Moncton's Art Gallery and is a founding member of the Aberdeen Cooperative as well as the Imago Studio. He has received many distinctions, such as the France-Acadie Award (1986, 1992), the title of Chevalier de l'Ordre français des Arts et des Lettres (1990), the Ordre des Francophones d'Amérique (1993), the Grand Prix de la francophonie canadienne (1999) and the Antonine-Maillet-Acadie Quinquennial Lifetime Award (2003) recognizing his lifetime achievements.

**Lisa Balfour Bowen, honorary doctorate of letters**

June 7, 2008, 2:30 p.m.

Born in Hamilton, Lisa Balfour Bowen is a University of Toronto graduate who also studied at Harvard and the Sorbonne. A life long believer in bilingualism and biculturalism, she founded French for the Future in 1997 with Canadian author and visionary John Ralston Saul. Now active in 14 cities across Canada, this organization is dedicated to grooming the next bilingual leaders of Canada. Earlier, Lisa Balfour Bowen spent 35 years as a journalist. In the 1960's, she was the first female Anglophone political correspondent appointed to the National Assembly Press Gallery in Quebec City where she wrote for Southam newspapers from Montreal to Vancouver. Her articles on art and politics have also appeared in *The Globe & Mail*, *The Toronto Star*, *Maclean's*, *Canadian Art* and *Toronto Life*, among others. Lisa Balfour Bowen also worked as a bilingual policy advisor to the Government of Ontario's Federal-Provincial Affairs Secretariat under premiers John Robarts and Bill Davis. There she helped establish, expand and coordinate bilingualism and biculturalism programs in Ontario. She has received the Ordre de la Pléiade, the Ordre des Palmes Académiques, the Ordre du Mérite Francophile and the Queen's Jubilee Médal for her efforts to promote the French language and culture.